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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully each NCNA member will read this letter with a receptive and understanding mind.

It is the number one priority of this president to place your Organization in a more secure financial position. This is not the only objective, but due to the circumstances, it is imperative that it be the first priority.

A sobering board meeting of the NCNA has just been concluded, and there are subjects which are, in the writer's opinion, urgent.

For the first time, to my knowledge, we did not have sufficient funds available for reimbursement of expenses.

We on the board, give of our time as a civic duty, or better stated, a civic privilege. Many of our out-of-pocket expenses are never turned in or collected.

New memberships have declined for the last few years, and we have many life members on our mailing list, some of whom came in for as little as 25 to 50 dollars. And of course postage has continued to escalate.

Hopefully by now you are beginning to ask the question... HOW CAN I HELP?

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#1 Please consider donating collectible material for our next Auction. If each member would donate a $10 to $25 item, it would give us the boost we need.
#2 Maybe some of our life members (others also) are in a position to make a small cash contribution.
#3 Help recruit new members to NCNA
#4 If you are a dealer, and not already doing so, you may consider placing a small ad in your Journal.

At the last NCNA convention, your president conducted a poll of most of the dealers present and of many other members attending the show. The purpose of this poll was to find out what dealers and members were thinking about their organization and to find out if there were any burning issues about to surface of which the board should be made aware.

The overwhelming majority said that the NCNA Convention should be held in a more central location. Names suggested were Charlotte, Raleigh, and the Triad area.

One member suggested lowering the bourse fee. The other dealers said the bourse fee was not a consideration as long as it was in line as it has been in the past.

We are now conscientiously working on the next NCNA Convention which is now scheduled to be held in Greensboro from September 29 to October 1, 1995.

This letter has not been written frivolously but with much thought and consideration. So please take a few moments of your time to respond. Each one of you is equally important.

This is your organization, and we on the board are dedicated to managing the NCNA in a competent and efficient manner so as to make you proud to be an NCNA member.

Paul Greene
President

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COLLECTING EARLY U. S.COINS BY DIE VARIETY
PART 3

BY MARK SMITH

How Many Varieties?

Collecting a series of early U. S. coins by die variety presents a challenge and a dilemma. Where does one start? I guess it would be appropriate to provide an overview of the various series, and the number of known die varieties in each series.

Fortunately, the wheel required no re-invention on this one. Mr. Jules Reiver and Mr. Rod Burress have assisted, either through their writings or correspondence, in the preparation of the following listing.

SERIES	YEARS	MINTAGE[1]	VAR'S
HALF CENTS			
Flowing Hair	1793	35,334	4
Draped Bust	1794-1797	350,520	20
Capped Bust	1800-1808	3,416,950	31
Coronet	1809-1836	3,637,912	28[2]
TOTALS		7,440,716	83
LARGE CENTS			
Chain Reverse	1793	36,103	5
Wreath Reverse	1793	63,353	11
Pole Cap	1793-1796	1,577,902	90[3]
Draped Bust	1796-1807	16,111,810	216
Classic Head	1808-1814	4,757,722	19
Matron Head	1816-1836	47,765,862	186
TOTALS		70,212,752	527

HALF DIMES			
Flowing Hair	1794-1795	86,416	14
Draped Bust S. E.	1796-1797	54,757	6
Draped Bust L. E.	1800-1805	124,270	10
Capped Bust	1829-1837	13,058,000	90
TOTALS		13,323,443	120

DIMES			
Drap'd Bust S. Egl	1796-1797	47,396	8
Drap'd Bust L. Egl	1798-1807	422,010	22[4]
Capped Bust	1809-1837	11,740,194	122
TOTALS		12,209,600	152

QUARTERS			
Drap'd Bust S. Egl	1796	6,146	2
Drap'd Bust L. Egl	1804-1807	554,899	19
Capped Bust	1815-1838	5,496,957	75[5]
TOTALS		6,058,002	96

HALF DOLLARS			
Flowing Hair	1794-1795	323,144	43[6]
Drap'd Bust S. Egl	1796-1797	3,918	4
Drap'd Bust L. Egl	1801-1807	1,600,787	58
Capped Bust (Lettered Edge only)	1807-1836	82,339,124	453[7]
TOTALS		84,266,973	558

DOLLARS			
Flowing Hair	1794-1795	162,053	18
Drap'd Bust S. Egl	1795-1798	450,970[8]	13
Drap'd Bust L. Egl	1798-1803	826,173	90[9]
TOTALS		1,439,196	121

FOOTNOTES:

1. Mintage is based on published figures from the "Redbook", "A Guide Book of United States Coins".

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2. Coronet Half Cents variety figures include a proof-only restrike of one 1836 variety.
3. The Pole Cap Large Cent does not include the "Jefferson Head" of 1795, as this is not considered a regular mint issue.
4. The new variety of 1800 Bust Dime, discovered by Ed Price, is included in this listing.
5. Capped Bust Quarter variety figures include the recently-discovered 1821 B-6 variety, by Aram Hartounian. This listing includes the proof-only varieties of 1827 B1 and B2.
6. Flowing Hair Half Dollar variety figures include the recently-discovered 1794 variety, by Bowers & Merena Galleries.
7. Capped Bust (Turban Head) Half Dollars includes the proof-only, crushed lettered edge, varieties of 1833, 1834, and 1835.
8. A portion of the mintage of Draped Bust, Small Eagle reverse, Dollars should be listed under the Heraldic Eagle reverse varieties. This distinction is not made in mint reports.
9. The variety number for Draped Bust Dollars includes the proof-only or restrikes of 1801 B5, 1802 B8, 1803 B7, and 1804 B1 and B2.

Other than the proof-only's, restrikes, and a few non-collectibles, several series above have been completed by variety collectors.

Now that we know the goals, how do we gain the information?

Buy the book and join the Club. And read the next publication from NCNA.

Due to an editorial mixup, Part 4 preceded Part 3. The final installment, Part 5, Join the Club will come in a future issue. Editor

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DOES IT OR DOESN'T IT?
Our Cover Photo

by Clay Grant

The notion of including the Arkansas Centennial half dollar among the Civil War commemoratives came to my attention while reading one of Mike Fuljenz's columns printed in Numismatic News about 1983.

I began asking questions about this at coin shows and conventions, but did not get many answers. I started with Anthony Swiatek, Walter Breen, Dave Bowers and any member of The Society of U.S. Commemorative Coins I could ask.

The Encyclopedia of U.S. Silver and Gold Commemorative Coins by Swiatek and Breen and Breen's complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins gave me the basic concept of Edward E. Burr and the Centennial Commission's ruse: to inject his symbolism with the intent that gullible "damyankees" should make an erroneous assumption, and depict a different meaning from what was presented to the Federal Commission of Fine Arts.

The coin was struck as part of local and statewide centennial celebrations in 1936 alluding to Arkansas's admission to the Union on June 15, 1836, though 1936 is likely to have been taken locally as meaning also the 75th anniversary of Arkansas's joining the Confederacy.

The diamond -shaped emblem alludes to the diamond mine in Pike County. Its 13 stars mean, not the 13 original colonies, but the upper half of the 25 star array on the state flag (Arkansas was the 25th state admitted to the Union.) and conversely also one of the 13 seceding states.

Within the diamond, three small stars represent three flags (Spain, France, and the USA) which had flown over Arkansas territory. The large star above represents the state's participation in the Confederacy: "The South will rise again." Behind the eagle and the diamond, the rising sun was locally taken to mean the rising South.

It's seven longest rays (above the diamond) would then stand for the seven original seceding states (South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas) while the shorter ones flanking the eagle represent the six which joined the Confederate States of America later: Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, and Kentucky.

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17-19 Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ralph Jannelli, Box 33292, Charlotte NC 28233

23-26 Greenville Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn. Rd., Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

MAR

2-4 ANA Early Spring, Cobb Galleria, Marietta GA, Ruthann Brettell, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs CO 80903

2-4 Georgia Numismatic Association, Cobb Galleria, Marietta GA, In conjunction with ANA,

11-12 Shennandoah Valley Coin Club, Augusta Expoland, Fisherville VA, Clarence Armstrong, 610 C St., Staunton VA 24401

11-12 Winston-Salem Coin Club, Elk's Lodge, Winston-Salem, NC, Dale Berube, Box 30106, Winston-Salem NC 27130

17-19 Tennessee State Numismatic Soc, Days Inn, I-75, Ext 1, Chattanooga TN, Terry Hess, Box 831, Clemmons NC 27012

24-26 Model City Coin Club, Civic Auditorium, KIngsport TN, E. S. Stanley, 3737 Hemlock Place, Kingsport TN 37663

24-26 Suburban Coin Show, Convention Center Plaza, Baltimore MD, Gordon Berg , Box 1876, Rockville MD 20850

APR

1-2 Raleigh Coin Club, Holshouser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

7-9 Lower Cape Fear Coin Club, Elk's Lodge, Oleander Dr., Wilmington NC, O. T. Thompson, Box 4232, Wilmington NC 28406, (910) 395-5950

8-9 Piedmont Triad Regional Coin & Stamp Show, American Legion Hall, Creekridge Rd., Greensboro NC, Barry Cohen, Box 10678, Greensboro NC 27404

14-16 Provost Guard, Kerbela Temple, Knoxville TN, Dennis E. Pressley, 3922 Copper Ridge Rd., Knoxville TN 37931

MAY

6-7 Salem Coin Club, American Legion Bldg., Salem VA, Emmett Yonce, (703) 981-2871

JUN

1-4 Parker Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Roper Mtn. Rd., Greenville SC, Don McAlister, 2207 W. Parker Rd., Greenville SC 29611

8-11 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

16-18 International Paper Money Show, Cook Convention Center, Memphis TN, Mike Crabb, Box 17871, Memphis TN 38187

JUL

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AUG

16-20 ANA Convention, Convention Center, Anaheim CA

25-27 BRNA Convention, NW Ga Trade Center, Dalton GA, Halbert Carmichael, Box 5625, Raleigh NC 27650

31-Sep 1 Peach State Coin Show, Atlanta GA, Larry Jackson, (404)256-3667

SEP

15-17 Carolina Coin & Stamp Conventions, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Ted Hendrick, Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605

22-24 Virginia Numismatic Association, McLean VA, Keith Littlefield

29-1 Oct. North Carolina Numismatic Association, Greensboro NC, Ted Hendrick

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